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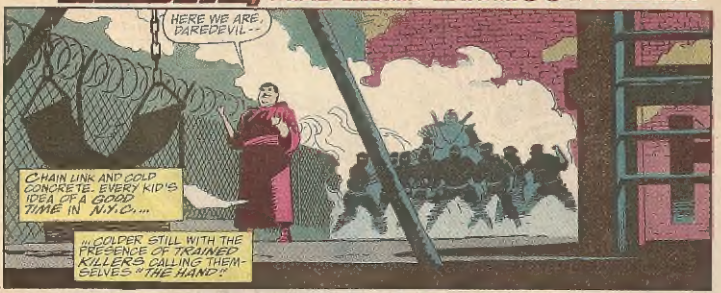

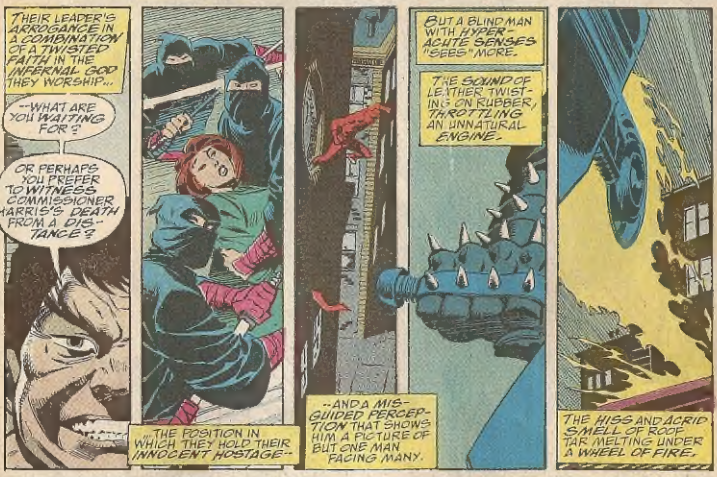

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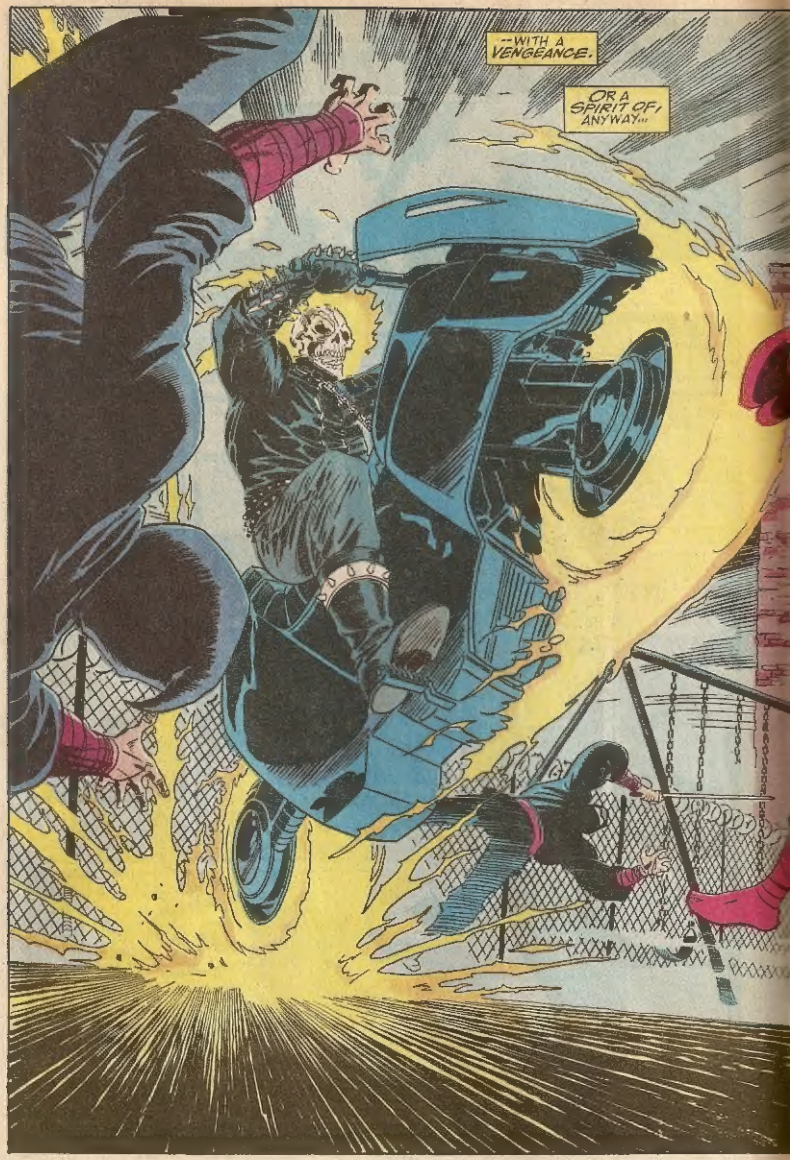
--WITH A VENGEANCE.
OR A SPIRIT OF, ANYWAY...

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THROUGH THE
EYES OF THE ENEMY

GHOST RIDER'S AGENDA MAY NOT BE MINE, BUT HE'S THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE THAT MAY MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH FOR CHRISTINE HARRIS.
Hnh?
THAT, AND THE CAREFUL REDIRECTION OF MOMENTUM.
HYIIAA!
FETID AIR RUSHES PAST, WARM AND DAMP AGAINST MY SKIN--
HRSSS
--THE INHUMAN ESSENCE OF WHATEVER THESE NINJA HAVE BECOME IN THEIR DARK HOMAGE.
WRAITH-LIKE SUBSTANCE DRAWN TO A FORM MY SENSES CAN ONLY FEEL, ICE SO COLD THAT IT BURNS--
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THAK
KTAK
EARLY WARNING OF THE LETHAL SHURIKEN THEY PUSH AHEAD OF.
SHADOW WARRIORS CAUGHT UP IN THEIR WEAPONS OF SUBTERFUGE.
BLINDING THEMSELVES TO THE EFFECTIVE-NESS...
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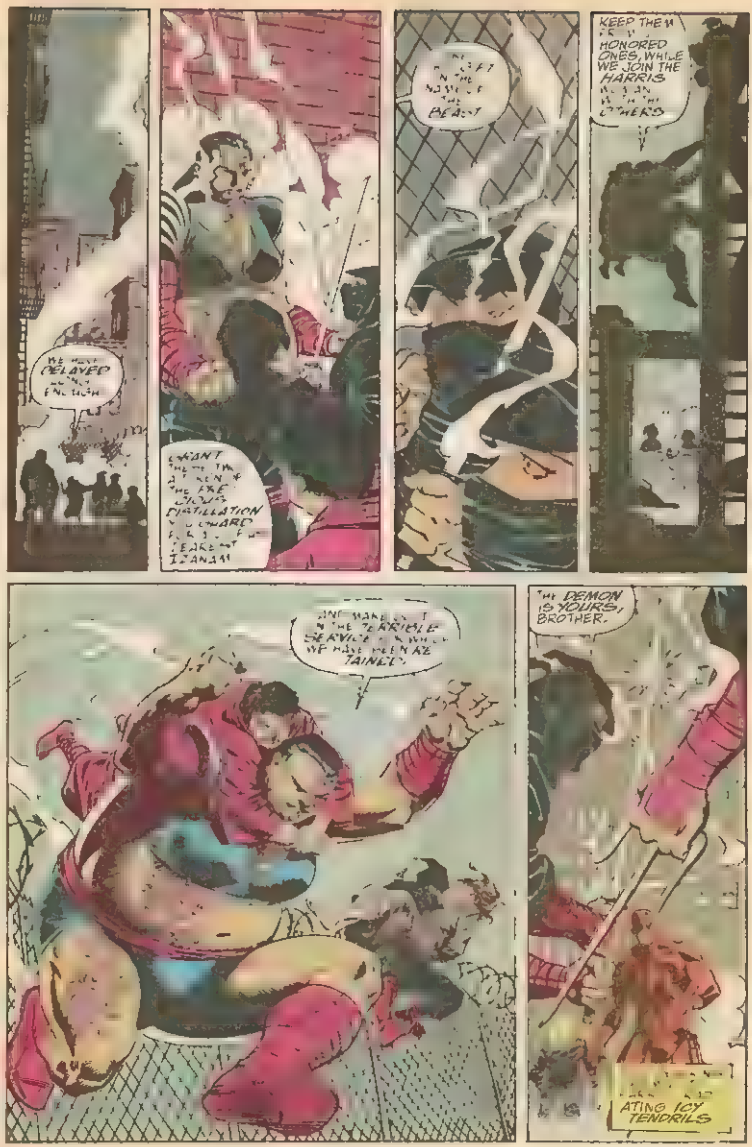
THE TAINT OF INNOCENT BLOOD ABOUT YOUR MEMBER CALLED ME TO YOU, A BEACON CRYING OUT FOR RETRIBUTION!
SCREEEE
TAKE WHAT COMFORT YOU CAN IN YOUR TEMPORARY BLINDNESS.
CAN'T SEE--
FOR MY PENANCE STARE IS ETERNAL TORMENT!
SHRPP
WHAT MANNER OF SINNER IS THIS ESCAPING INTO MIST?!
THIS CAN NOT--WILL NOT--BE...
...NOT WHEN THERE IS VENGEANCE STILL TO METE OUT THIS NIGHT!
HSSSS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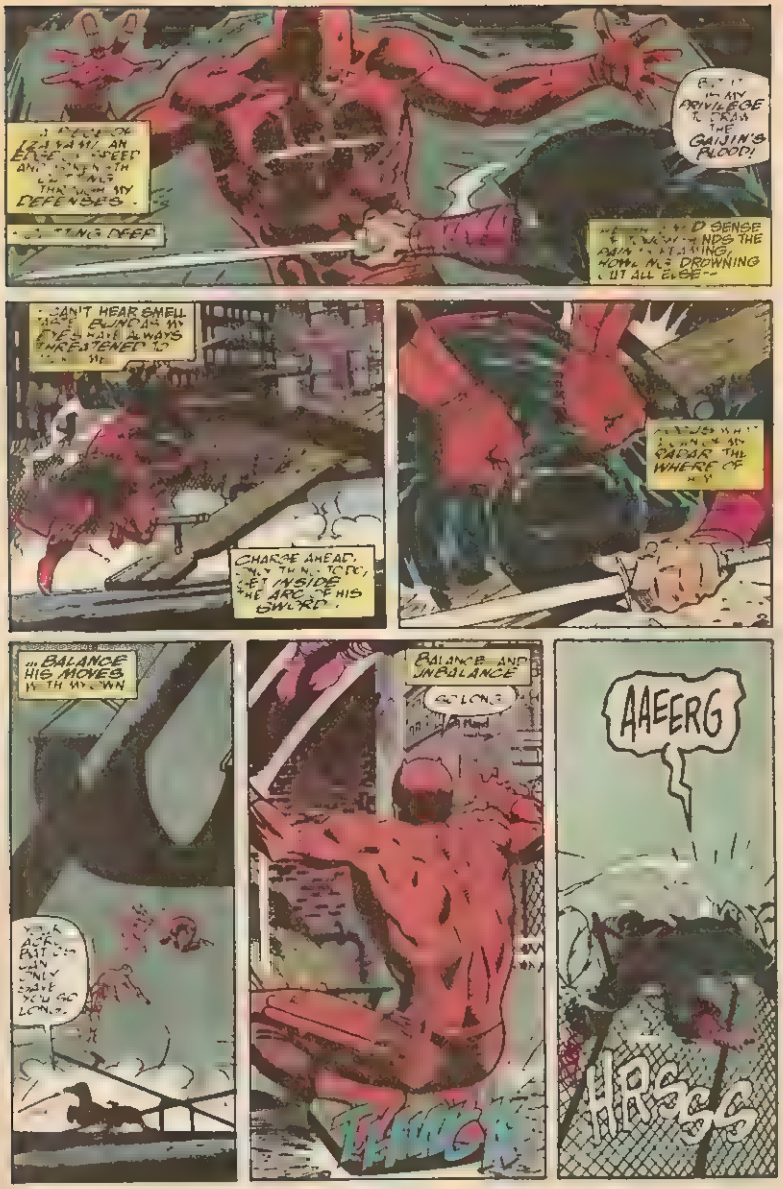
IN MY PRIVILEGE TO BE THE GAIJIN'S BLOOD!
I CAN'T HEAR SMELL
CHARGE AHEAD.
BALANCE HIS MOVES
BALANCE AND UNBALANCE
GO LONG
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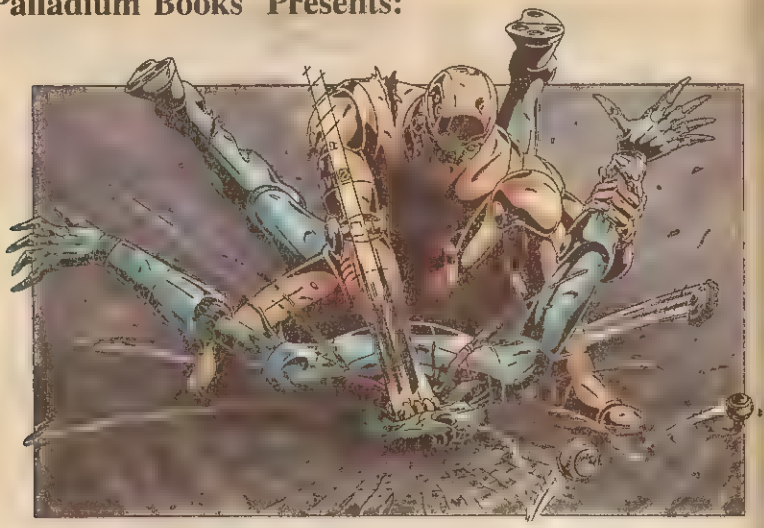

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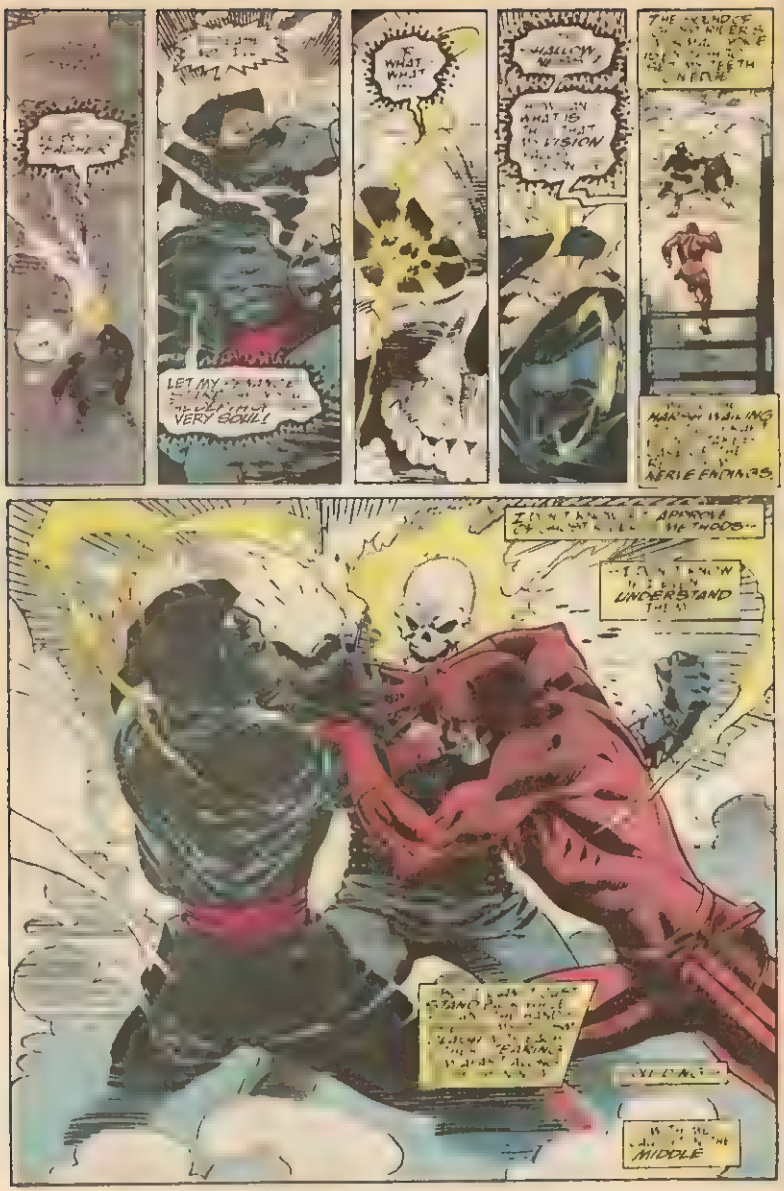
SO C-C-COLD...
OF ITS ENDLESS DESCENT, THE GREAT DARK THAT MAKES EQUAL BOTH SAINT AND SINNER?


LET MY
VERY SOUL!
WHAT WHAT
HALLOW,
AND IS
VISION
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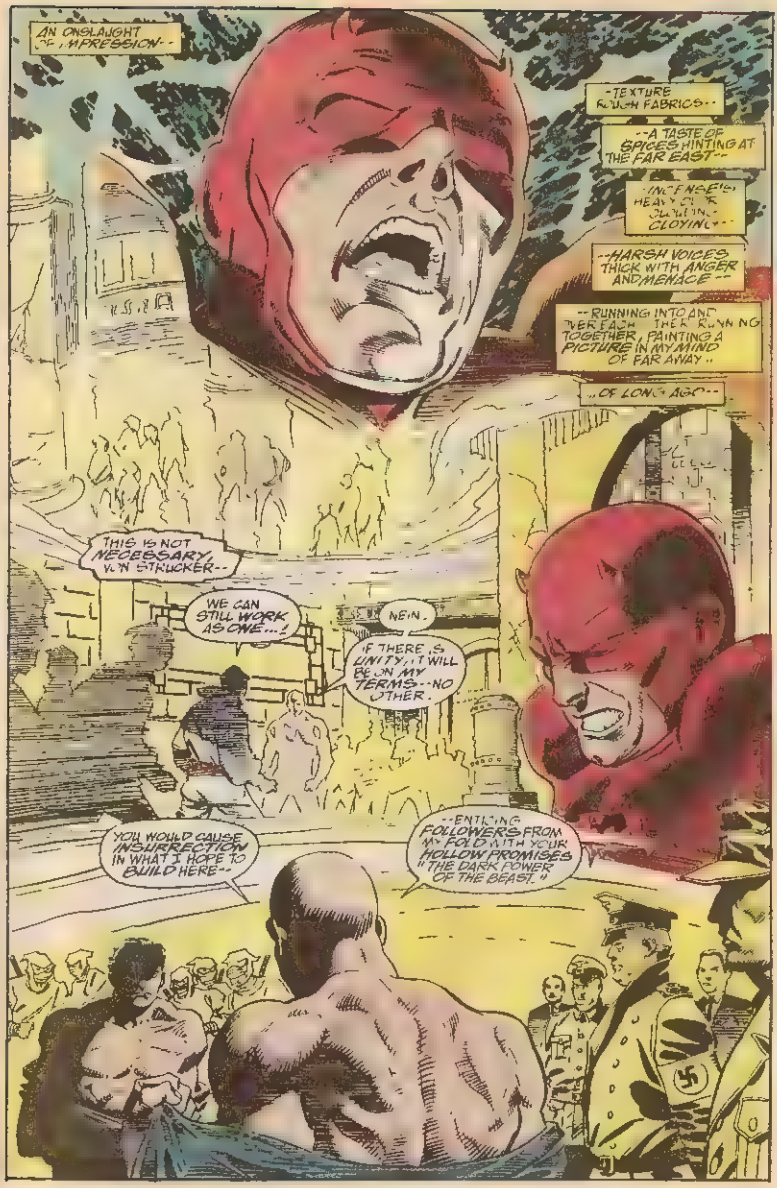
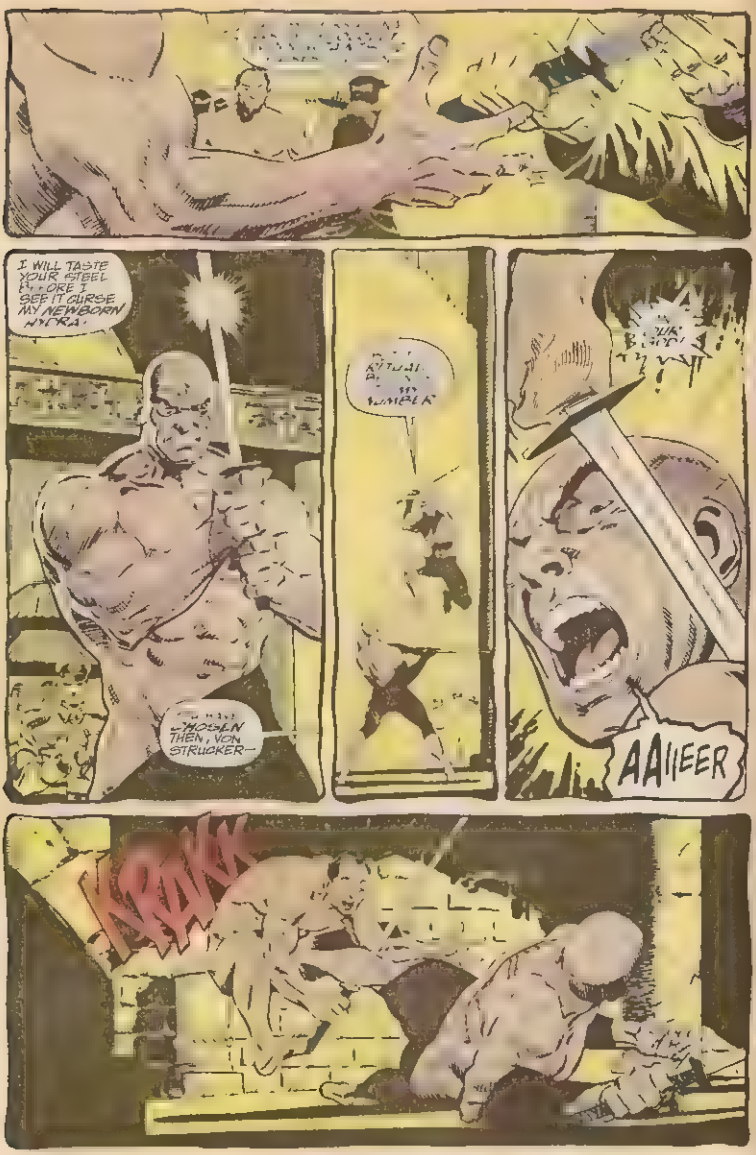
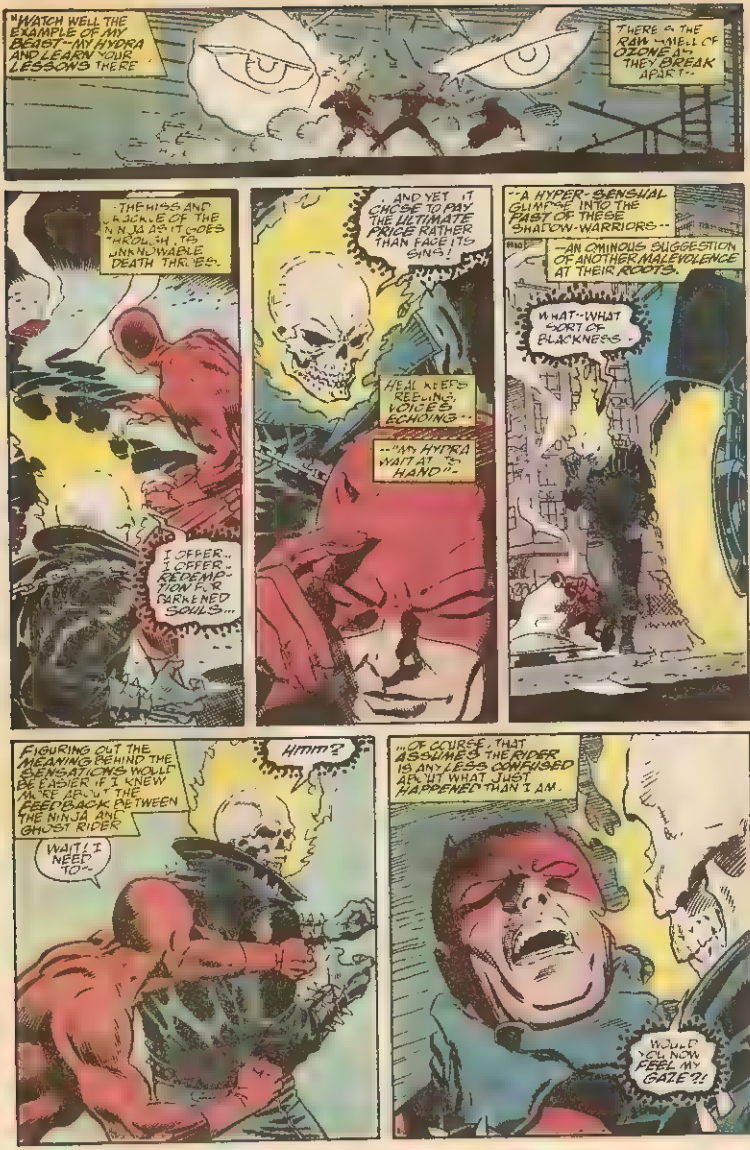
UNDERSTAND
MIDDLE


AN ONSLAUGHT OF IMPRESSION--
--TEXTURE ROUGH FABRICS--
--A TASTE OF SPICES HINTING AT THE FAR EAST--
--INCENSE-LADEN HEAVY SILK CLOYING--
--HARSH VOICES THICK WITH ANGER AND MENACE--
--RUNNING INTO AND OVER EACH OTHER RUNNING TOGETHER, PAINTING A PICTURE IN MY MIND OF FAR AWAY..
..OF LONG AGO--
THIS IS NOT NECESSARY, VON STRUCKER--
WE CAN STILL WORK AS ONE...!
NEIN.
IF THERE IS UNITY, IT WILL BE ON MY TERMS--NO OTHER.
YOU WOULD CAUSE INSURRECTION IN WHAT I HOPE TO BUILD HERE--
--ENTICING FOLLOWERS FROM MY FOLD WITH YOUR HOLLOW PROMISES OF THE DARK POWER OF THE BEAST.!


I WILL TASTE YOUR STEEL BEFORE I SEE IT CURSE MY NEWBORN HYDRA!
CHOSEN THEN, VON STRUCKER—
AAIIEER
KRAK

SLTSS
LEG... CAN'T
DON'T STRUGGLE, NAZI--IT WILL BE MERCIFUL AND QUICK
ALL THE SOONER YOU SHALL REALIZE YOUR DESTINY A SACRIFICE TO THE BEAST.
THE BEAST ?!!
SLTHKWT
HYIAARR!
"U KNOW NOTHING OF THE BEAST
IT LIVES IN NO HELLISH RITE, BUT INSIDE US--EACH OF US. THE PRIMAL STRENGTH BY WHICH TO CRUSH OUR ENEMIES AND SEIZE VICTORY!
THE ANIMAL SIDE. ONLY THE WEAK HAVE FORSAKEN IT.
AND YOU ARE NOT WORTHY OF IT. AT MOST YOU CAN HOPE TO SERVE IT
I WAIT AT ITS HAND.


"WATCH WELL THE EXAMPLE OF MY BEAST--MY HYDRA AND LEARN YOUR LESSONS THERE
THERE & THE RAW--SMELL OF OZONE AS THEY BREAK APART--
THE HISS AND CRACKLE OF THE NINJA AS IT GOES THROUGH ITS UNKNOWABLE DEATH THROES.
I OFFER.. I OFFER.. REDEMPTION FOR BLACKENED SOULS...
AND YET I CHOSE TO PAY THE ULTIMATE PRICE RATHER THAN FACE ITS SINS!
HEAD KEEPS REELING. VOICES ECHOING...
"MY HYDRA WAIT AT THE HAND"..
--A HYPER-SENSUAL GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST OF THESE SHADOW-WARRIORS--
--AN OMINOUS SUGGESTION OF ANOTHER MALEVOLENCE AT THEIR ROOTS.
WHAT--WHAT SORT OF BLACKNESS..
FIGURING OUT THE MEANING BEHIND THE SENSATIONS WOULD BE EASIER IF I KNEW MORE ABOUT THE FEEDBACK BETWEEN THE NINJA AND GHOST RIDER
HMM?
WAIT! I NEED TO--
"OF COURSE, THAT ASSUMES THE RIDER IS ANYLESS CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT JUST HAPPENED THAN I AM.
WOULD YOU NOW FEEL MY GAZE?!

I SEE THAT YOU, TOO, SEEK VENGEANCE !
NOT IN THE SAME MANNER, NO, STILL..
FOR THE FIRST TIME I CAN REMEMBER, I THANK GOD FOR TAKING MY SIGHT--
--JUST AS CREATURE'S TOUCH, ITS WORDS ARE ENOUGH TO LEAVE ME FEELING HORRIBLY HOLLOW AND NAKED, EXPOSED TO THE ELEMENTS.
YOU MAY RIDE WITH ME ANYTIME..
THANKS, I'LL PASS.
WEAK--
WHAT'S
JUST FOR A MOMENT MY RADAR COMES BACK AT ME WITH A SENSE OF EMPTINESS, A VACUUM OPENING AND THEN FILLING QUICKLY
THERE'S NO TIME TO GUESS AT ITS MEANING--
WHH -
GHOST RIDER ?
BEFORE IT'S CLOUDED FURTHER BY A FINAL SURGE OF WHAT PASSED FOR LIFE FROM THE VANISHING NINJA
GHOST RIDER ARE YOU--?
BUT IT'S NO ARCANE SKELETAL AVENGER THAT I CATCH IN MY ARMS
HOLD
AND I COULD HAVE SWORN ENHANCED SENSES TO KNOW THAT THE FIGURE I HOLD IS SUDDENLY ALL TOO HUMAN

--TOP OF THE NEWS AT THIS HOUR, NEW YORK STILL REELING FROM THE TERROR THAT PLAGUED THE CITY LAST NIGHT--
N.Y.'S NIGHT OF TERROR
-- THE SHOCKING AND SEEMINGLY RELATED ABDUCTION OF CITY LEADERS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE
CONFIRMED MISSING ARE CITY PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER CHRISTINE HARRIS
--REAL ESTATE MAGNATE AND DEVELOPER DEREK TULLY--
--DEPUTY MAYOR PAMELA SENNET--
--AND REPUTED MOB BOSS JERRY "THE WHALE" SABINI.
INVESTIGATORS REMAIN CLOSE-MOUTHED ON THE MATTER OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KIDNAPPINGS, BUT SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN SAID TO RANGE FROM THE YAKUZA TO THE MEDELLIN CARTEL
AND WHILE AUTHORITIES STRESS NO EVIDENCE OF DANGER TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, WB AT FISK ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION SUGGEST A COMMON SENSE APPROACH
STAY INSIDE LOCK YOUR DOORS, TRUST NO ONE
FOR WFET NEWS ON THE HOUR, I'M PETER SCOTT--
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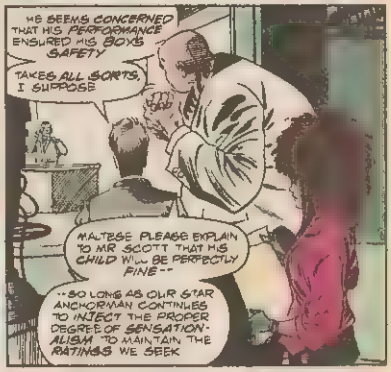
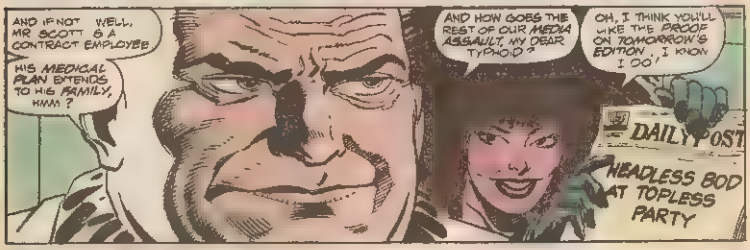
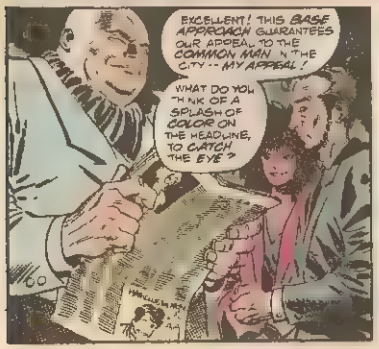
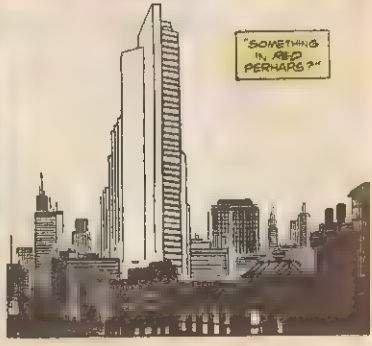
DID I WAS THAT
MR SCOTT IS TRYING TO GET YOUR ATTENTION, MR FISK


HE SEEMS CONCERNED THAT HIS PERFORMANCE ENSURED HIS BOY'S SAFETY
TAKES ALL SORTS, I SUPPOSE
MALTESE PLEASE EXPLAIN TO MR SCOTT THAT HIS CHILD WILL BE PERFECTLY FINE --
..SO LONG AS OUR STAR ANCHORMAN CONTINUES TO INJECT THE PROPER DEGREE OF SENSATIONALISM TO MAINTAIN THE RATINGS WE SEEK


AND IF NOT WELL, MR SCOTT IS A CONTRACT EMPLOYEE
HIS MEDICAL PLAN EXTENDS TO HIS FAMILY, HMM?
AND HOW GOES THE REST OF OUR MEDIA ASSAULT, MY DEAR TYPHOID?
OH, I THINK YOU'LL LIKE THE PROOF ON TOMORROW'S EDITION I DO!
DAILY POST
HEADLESS BOD AT TOPLESS PARTY


EXCELLENT! THIS BASE APPROACH GUARANTEES OUR APPEAL TO THE COMMON MAN 'N THE CITY -- MY APPEAL!
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF A SPLASH OF COLOR ON THE HEADLINE, TO CATCH THE EYE?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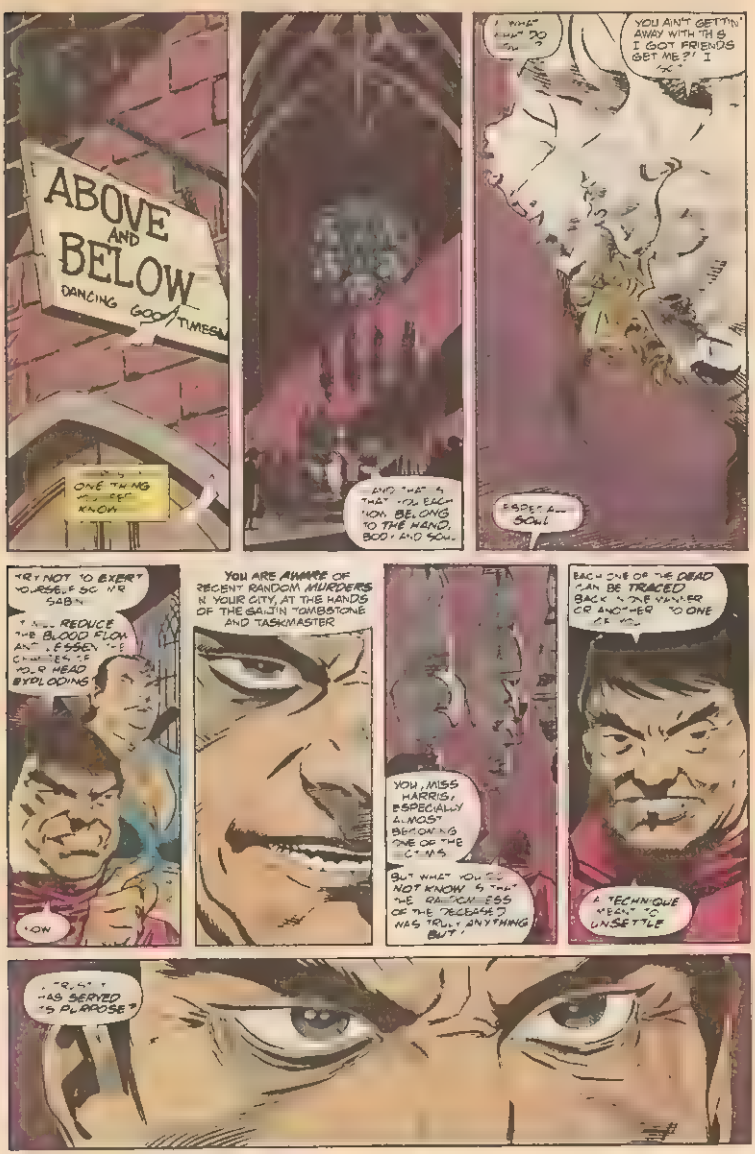
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DANCING GOOD TIMES
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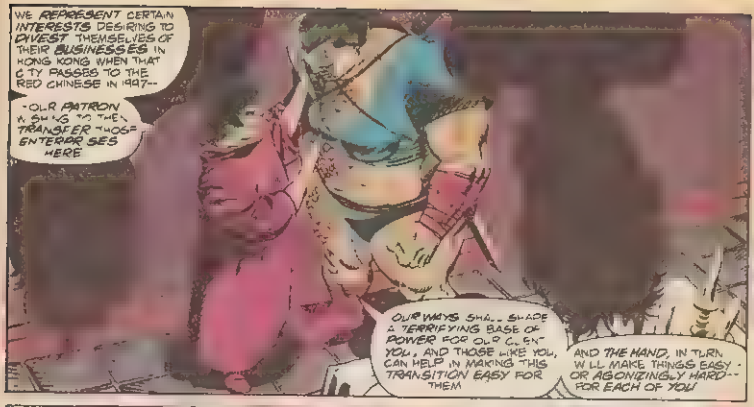
AND THAT IS THAT YOU BELONG TO THE HAND, BOY. AND YOU
I WHAT I WILL DO YOU?
YOU AIN'T GETTIN' AWAY WITH THIS I GOT FRIENDS GET ME?! I
ESPECIALLY YOU, SCOTT
TRY NOT TO EXERT YOURSELF, DOC. IT'S BAD
I WILL REDUCE THE BLOOD FLOW AND ASSESS THE CHANGES IN YOUR HEAD BY LOOKING
YOU ARE AWARE OF RECENT RANDOM MURDERS IN YOUR CITY, AT THE HANDS OF THE SAIJIN TOMBSTONE AND TASKMASTER
YOU, MISS HARRIS, ESPECIALLY ALMOST BECOMING ONE OF THE VICTIMS
BUT WHAT YOU DO NOT KNOW IS THE RUTHLESSNESS OF THE DEFENDER HAS TRULY BEEN ANYTHING BUT
EACH ONE OF THE DEAD CAN BE TRACED BACK TO THE KILLER OR ANOTHER TO ONE OF YOU
A TECHNIQUE MEANT TO UNSETTLE
"RULE" HAS SERVED ITS PURPOSE"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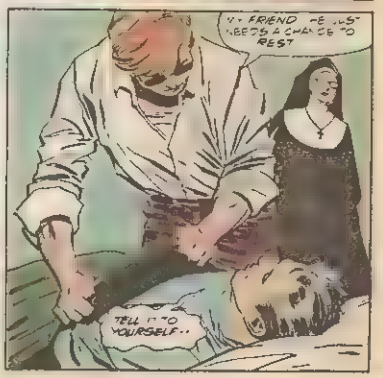
OUR PATRON IS SWING TO THE TRANSFER "HOSTILITIES" ENTERPRISES HERE
OUR WAYS SHALL SHADE A TERRIFYING BASE OF POWER FOR OUR CLIENT YOU, AND THOSE LIKE YOU, CAN HELP IN MAKING THIS TRANSITION EASY FOR THEM
AND THE HAND, IN TURN, WILL MAKE THINGS EASY - OR AGONIZINGLY HARD-- FOR EACH OF YOU

TASTE IT SWEET ZAMAN
AS WE BREAK THEIR SPIRITS, WE ARE BROUGHT THAT MUCH CLOSER TO THE BEAST "HA" MUCH CLOSER

BUT SHE ASKED US TO COME TO YOUR AID SHOULD YOU NEED IT, MATTHEW.
I-- APPRECIATE "HAT SISTER
"ELL MY-- "ELL HER --"AT FOR ME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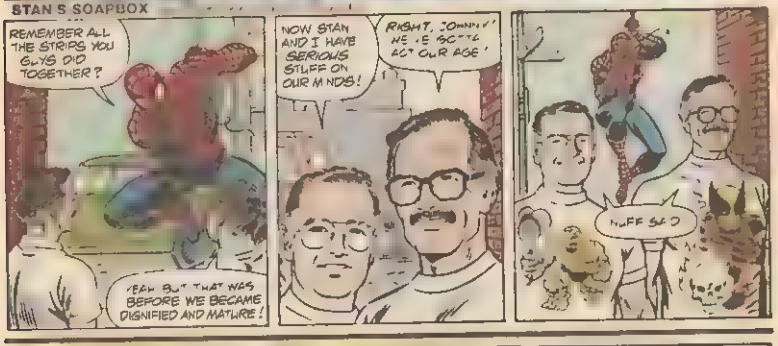

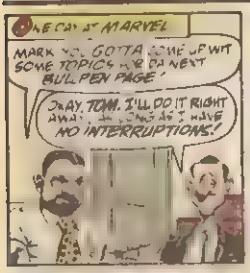

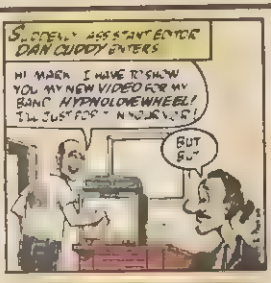

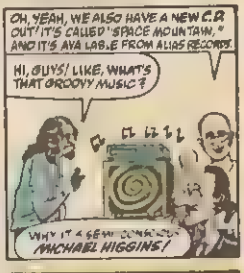

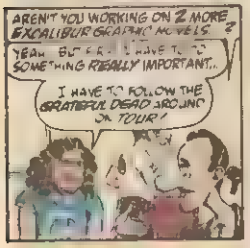

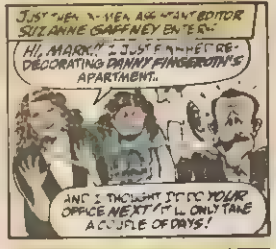

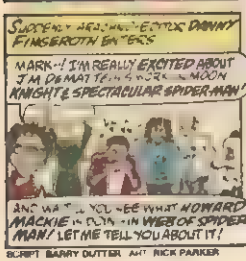

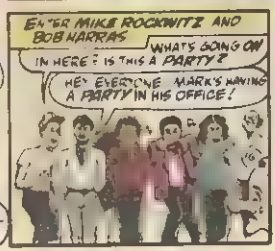

SCRIPT BARRY DUTTER ART RICK PARKER

- THAT CUT'S PRETTY NASTY, 'S NOT GONNA TAKE CARE OF ITSELF!
NO TIME NOW. SOMETH NG'S GOT TO BE DONE FOR HARRIS AND THOSE OTHERS BEFORE-
BUT DANNY, WHAT HAPPENED BACK YOU NEED TIME TO RECOVER!
LET'S NOT HAVE "MR PERSONALITY" DRAGGING YOU BACK ON YOUR FEET FOR THE REST OF THIS!
HE WON'T HE ONLY COMES WHEN HE S NEEDED...
AND I'VE A FEELING HE KNOWS YOU'RE TAKING CARE OF THINGS.
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LHH-LHH
I CONSIDER SAYING TO THE NINJA, "TELL IT TO A LAWYER"--
"BUT I DON'T THINK HE'D GET THE JOKE
RED! I MEAN, THE RIGHT--
STAY NG CLEAN MAD DOG?
YOU GOT IT D O CEPT YOU KNOW ME, I WON'T GO NEAR WATER! NO WATER FOR--
UGGH!
I DID LIKE YOU SA D- ASKED AROUND WORD IS, THAT OLD NIGHTCLUB.
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, MAD DOG-- STAY SAFE, OKAY?
AFTER THIS, YOU BET! I'S STRAIGHT HOME AND LOCK THE DOORS FOR ME, RED--
--I MEAN, DON'T YOU WATCH THE FISK TV?

OUR GUESTS PERHAPS REQUIRE A DEMONSTRATION OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR INTENT
FOR THE GLORY OF THE BEAST
YOU WANT TO RAISE A DEVIL SO MUCH, JOHN --
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Dear Devils,

In the last year or so, only two issues of DAREDEVIL have been worthy of this great character: #283 and #289. This latest issue finally has Matt remembering who he is and why he's here. I'll admit that I didn't enjoy the "Acts of Vengeance" crossovers, or the too long Mephisto storyline. And Matt seemed to lose his memory only because he was remembering his battle with Mephisto, which made no sense whatsoever. I was intrigued by the idea of Matt assuming his father's name and identity, but it just didn't seem to be working out. I'm very happy that Matt has his memory back and I hope this is a sign of better things to come.

On the last page, Matt said, "I'm not going to look like such a hero." I hope this is not to say he'll try to kill Bullseye and/or the Kingpin. There are enough Wolverine/Punisher clones around. When DD tried to kill Bullseye in #181, he almost went crazy, until he vindicated himself in issue #200. Daredevil is not a killer, nor do I wish to see him become one.

In closing, a request (or two): Gladiator and the Hand, Bullet, the Owl, Doc Ock, Taskmaster, et al.

I have spoken!

Joe Christiano
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Waterbury, CT 06708

You certainly have, Joe! Thanks for vindicating the good name of Daredevil. Maybe you and our friend, Jeff can talk.

Dear Devil's Advocate:

I started my DAREDEVIL collection about two weeks ago with issue #289 and worked my way back to issue #284. After reading the blind boxer saga I was impressed (no boredom in any issue!), though there is one question an issue #289. When Matt found out about the Kingpin being behind all of the evil schemes and went to rescue Nyla, why didn't he beat the stuffing out of the fat man right there and then before going after Bullseye? I'm giving some credit to Ann for making DAREDEVIL packed with action, adventure and, yes, romance. When Matt left Nyla at the end, it made my eyes fill up with tears. I didn't know she could write something so touching. Keep up the good work and as you say, make mine Marvel!

Lance Mohesky
3709 Travis Avenue
Odessa, TX 79762

Remember, Lance, up to that point Matt had been through a great ordeal (with the loss of his memory and all). Maybe it wouldn't have been a good idea for DD to go after the "big guy" before he'd totally recovered both mentally and physically. Also, Matt probably thought it was more important to first restore the good name of Daredevil among the people. But don't worry, as Matt told the Kingpin, there's gonna be a war!"

Daredevil crew,

Boy did I get into issue #289. It was superb! Ann Nocenti's writing is great. The fight scenes were very well done. I found myself saying "come on Matt, hit em'!" The art was also excellent. Kieron Dwyer did a fantastic job on (Bullseye as) Daredevil, Matt Murdock, and the Kingpin. I always enjoyed his work on CAPTAIN AMERICA, and I'm glad to see him drawing for Marvel again. I hope to see him on a regular title soon.

The inks were also good. This is a good title and I will continue to buy it. Keep up the good work!

Matthew P. Caruso
20 Chalmers Street
Manchester, CT 06040

Dear Hornheads,

I've been reading DAREDEVIL for 10 years and collected every back issue. The Mephisto saga from DAREDEVIL #263-282 really put this series on a downturn. DAREDEVIL used to have one of the highest sales ratings, but after you turned the plot into the Dr. Strange universe, lots of people stopped buying this series. Where is Foggy Nelson? He's virtually disappeared. Why has it taken over a hundred issues for Elektra to return? How much does the Kingpin weigh? Why doesn't the Punisher help out his friend Daredevil more often?

DAREDEVIL #287-289 shows that even Bullseye can give us a better Daredevil that what Matt Murdock aspires to; a skid row hero. I think Bullseye has become a more important character than Daredevil, and I'm glad because at least he's a real man. If Bullseye could off Matt Murdock, anyone could fill the Daredevil costume. The Kingpin's son in WHAT IF?, Vol. 2, #2, did just that; he became a new Daredevil. I think everyone is sick of Daredevil being a wimp on the frayed ends of sanity.

Bullseye has the right idea, except why did he show mercy to Daredevil in issue #284? Bullseye should have wasted Matt Murdock when he had the chance, so a real hero could stay in the Daredevil costume. Nocenti's political and environmental statements are great, and it keeps adult readers interested. Bullseye was right on target when he said, "Which is more honest — stealing on Wall Street and Insurance or by holding a gun saying: I need money?" Bullseye knows how the system really fits together. I'm proud of Bullseye and he's my hero. Daredevil is just a CHUMP.

Jeff Gross
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Now hooooollld on there, Jeff! While we're quite pleased that you've been enjoying the recent Bullseye storyline, we feel it's necessary to point out that we don't advocate stealing of any kind! Having Bullseye don DD's garb does provide an interesting contrast to Matt Murdock's Daredevil, but we'll take a brooding Matt Murdock any day over the ruthless, killer-for-hire that Bullseye has proven himself to be.

Friends,

You know how sometimes in movies, there will be a pivotal moment of heroism when everyone in the theater spontaneously cheers? It happens in Star Wars when Han Solo finally swoops down, shooting, in the Millennium Falcon. It happened just the other night, during Dances with Wolves, when the Indians came to the hero's rescue and slaughtered the cavalry. It happened to me today, when I read DAREDEVIL #289, and Matt finally remembered who and what he was, and why. ". . . That doesn't mean I've stopped fighting."

For some time now, Ann Nocenti has been writing complex stories of selfhood and suffering, with mixed success. Matt has been to hell and back, both literally and figuratively, so often that he could draw the map. He could find the way blindfolded. He could teach the X-Men a thing or two about shouldering infinite burdens of mind and spirit, not to mention body.

Among all this, the panel which made me stop and take a deep breath, and read it again, was the one with his memories of Elektra: "She did it again . . . kicked me to my death. Oh, darling, just like old times." Now, knowing the cost, Matt is ready to go on fighting — against the Kingpin, against the cruelties of injustice, and even, I suppose, against the flaws and failures and blind spots of his own character. Such is the nature of heroism.

Much as I want Matt to know himself, and be himself, and much as I like certain members of the supporting cast — I'm thinking here of Ben Urich and Foggy Nelson — I would hope that Matt stays with Nyla, at least for a while and doesn't simply return to Karen. His next meeting with Typhoid Mary should be interesting.

Nyla interests me considerably as a character. Her courage and compassion and good sense impressed me. She stood by Matt even when she didn't know who or what he was, any more than he did. This shows good instincts. Since she has lived on the street, and since she is both experienced and intelligent, I would hope that in the future she doesn't appear most often as a hostage, a victim or a pawn. She must have good skills of self-preservation. Let her use them. Let her be (as she has been) a help to Matt, not another burden.

I also look forward to Lee Weeks as penciler for this book. Kieron Dwyer draws a fine comic, but his interpretation of Matt and the Daredevil "look" is not mine. Lee Weeks in #288 did some magnificent work, especially on the faces. Especially with Matt, Elektra, Stick, and the Kingpin.

Elizabeth Holden
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Well, Elizabeth, you should be aware by now that Lee Weeks is definitely back. And let's thank Kieron Dwyer for filling in so nicely. As for Nyla, well we agree she was an immense help to Matt in his time of need and we're sure we'll hear from her again sometime.

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